



## MINUTES – FEBRUARY MEETING

**Date:** February 2, 2022  
**Time:** 07:00 AM

**Location:** Virtual – Microsoft Teams

**Facilitator:** Jason Combe **Note Taker:** Anika Evans

**Abbreviations:** BRGFA (Brokenhead River Game & Fish Association) – NFATT (Nothing Further at this time) – n/a (not applicable) – ASAP (As Soon As Possible) – CCFR (Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights) – MWF (Manitoba Wildlife Federation) – AGM (Annual General Meeting)

*Attendees/Regrets at bottom of document*

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

07:06 PM

### 2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Capri Insurance

### 3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of minutes from December & January General Meetings: Motion to approve: Bob Austman; Brent Steliga 2nds; None opposed; Motion Carried.

### 4 EXECUTIVE & CHAIR REPORTS

#### 4.1 EXECUTIVES

##### President – Jason Combe

Email went out about mail tampering and key theft. Had to re-key locks. About 20 keys had been distributed already that will need replacing. Going forward no mailing keys. Kelly is getting new keys and will figure out who needs them.

Discussion of 2-lock system on gate going forward so that RM has access at all times. Kelly dropped off key with RM so that they can get in with snow plow.

##### Vice President – Ryan Keefe

**NO REPORT**

##### Treasurer & Membership Chair – Kelly Bourns

RBC account: \$21,110 as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. There are a few cheques that need to be deposited including \$3,285, for total of \$24,135.34 once done. Owe CCFR \$3,330 for membership, owe MWF approx \$300.

Sunova account \$10,048.

[Membership] 82 members (42 single, 40 family); Only one “general” membership (no range use).

Numbers are a bit low for this time of year, but historically more come in spring.

Q: Did funds for traps get transferred [as per last meeting]? A: Yes

##### Secretary – Anika Evans

New email system is going well. Kelly has created new website, will start work on that.

##### Range Officer (Rifle) – Brent Steliga

Brent hasn't been out to the range recently due to weather, nothing going on.

Mark was out with the snowblower once, Brent will use quad to do snow clearing once RM comes out.

Mark may do an orientation. Access to clubhouse is an issue, as currently there is a large berm of snow.

No member requests for orientations in past month. 20-25 still haven't completed or renewed members.

##### Range Officer (Handgun) – Mark Miller

**NO REPORT**

##### Range Officer (Shotgun/Sporting Clays) – Dale Bourns

Not much happening, “idling ‘til spring”. Dale fielded question about target counting system:

\$15,000 for system, which releases targets based on card system. (Shooter can't use more than on card.)

#### 4.2 ADVISORY COUNCIL

**NO REPORT**

### 4.3 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following committee chairs are vacant: Banquets, Awards & Trophies, Game & Predator, Waterfowl/Upland Game Bird. Please reach out to an executive board member if you are interested in serving!

**Big Bucks Draw – Paul Millan** [Will remove from future agendas until relevant again]

**Sponsorship – April Obriek**

Brent gave April Cabela’s contact info.

Welcome to April, intros from rest of board.

Ideas presented: Sporting clay station sponsors (perhaps funds can go towards target counter); letter should be generated to send to membership about sponsorship; event tables for sponsors; Kelly has contact info for member who can donate outdoors-related items that are not cash.

Brainstorming by board on potential corporate sponsors and industries to approach.

**Conservation/Moose Management – Bob Austman**

(1) Moose scientist Daniel Dupont will provide harvest data for unit 17a/b/c when back from holidays

(2) Ken Rebizant is deer manager for province. Says no need for “panic button” yet, but this winter has been tough on deer. Conditions of “50/50” (50 days of 50cm of snow and below average temps) are close.

(3) One Dec 10 another case of CWD was detected via landowner tip. On Dec 17<sup>th</sup> an intensive cull took place in area of hwy 83/southwest corner of province. CWS is serious, maintenance necessary.

**Archery – Randie Aran & Michael Oneschuk**

Jay from Heights is interested in a table at the spring gear swap. Discussion of how corporate tables at events will be handled. May charge non-members for tables. Idea to have archery demo and trial station at event. Will have to coordinate with sporting clays, as there’s a shoot that day too.

Indoor archery events happening this month on Saturdays – info will be sent to Anika who will put on website.

**Fishing – Paul Millan & Ryan Keefe**

Potential for derby on Lake Winnipeg in March. Weather may prevent, as snow is insulating ice and causing poor ice conditions. If doable could coordinate with provincial family fishing day.

**Training & Education – Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe**

Kelly has created intro course, a “prequel” to the Ladies Learn to Shoot program. She will be hosting the first three sessions (Feb 18, Feb 25, and March 4) at her home.

**MOTION 22-002** Jason motions that BRGFA authorizes Kelly to host event, and acknowledges \$30 course fee proceeds will go back to Ladies Learn To Shoot program. Bob Austman 2nds; None opposed; Motion carried.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is CCFR “National Range Day”. Perhaps do Ladies Learn To Shoot that day combined with general interest open house? Will have to look into how to get CCFR support for such events.

### 5 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

### 6 NEW BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Set Deadlines for Actionable Items

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Anika Evans

**Deadline for action:** February (current) meeting

As rest of meeting progresses current agenda items are assessed and deadlines applied if missing.

### 7 OLD BUSINESS

#### 7.1 Creating Sustainable Communities Grant

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Paul Millan

**Deadline for action:** --

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STRIKE FROM AGENDA  
FOR MARCH 2022

#### 7.2 Handgun Range Orientations

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Mark Miller

**Deadline for action:** --

December 18<sup>th</sup> or January 8<sup>th</sup> for another orientation session?

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### 7.3 CCFR Range Safety Officer Course

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Mark Miller

**Deadline for action:** May 4<sup>th</sup>

No discussion. Deadline date of May 4<sup>th</sup> applied.

### 7.4 Promoting BRGFA and Facilitating New Membership (Guest Policy)

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Brent Steliga

**Deadline for action:** --

Discussion of specifics on guest policy. Should revisit policy as feedback comes in. Mark and Brent will monitor via security cameras and log book to make sure rule is being followed. Result as follows:

**MOTION  
22-003**

Jason makes motion that for 2022 each primary membership will include 2 guests passes. This allows member to bring two guests (one at a time, can be same person or different) over the course of the year. A \$25 fee will apply to each pass use, to be paid according to online instructions before visit. Procedure must be followed, membership may be revoked for members who do not follow procedure as follows: Online form available at brgfa.ca must be filled out and submitted 24 hours or more before guest visit. Changes allowed up to 24 hours before guest visit. All range rules must be followed, member is responsible for guest at all times.

Anika Evans 2nds; None opposed; Motion carried.

### 7.5 Bylaws

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Kelly Bourns

**Deadline for action:** April 6, 2022 (AGM)

Bylaws are going to have to be changed again to reflect new meeting format. Besides that just need to get them finished and circulated. Deadline set as AGM date, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 7.6 Insurance (Capri)

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Kelly Bourns

**Deadline for action:** (Resolved this meeting)

Presentation of quote for insuring property from Capri. Kelly reached out to Capri, as they work with CCFR, and specialize in property insurance for gun ranges/game and fish clubs specifically. Many insurance companies won't deal with such properties. Kelly shopped policy and all but Capri declined. This policy is for the property and the contents of the buildings only (not liability, for crime, fire, etc). Original quote did not cover traps, generator, mower, etc. Had revision made to include ALL buildings and contents. As shown, this increases yearly premium from \$1,939 to \$3,164 per year. Policy quoted does allow items to be added or removed. Talk of how to insure quad.

**MOTION  
22-004**

Dale motions that the quad is registered thru AutoPac by Jason. No shopping around required – Jason will pay and BRGFA will reimburse. Brent 2nds; None opposed; Motion carried.

Q: Are we currently insured?

A: Don't know. MWF does not cover property. When questioned Tracey Malone was elusive.

**MOTION  
22-005**

Jason motions to pay Capri \$3,164 for 2022 commercial insurance to cover property, buildings, and contents of buildings. Brent Steliga 2nds; None opposed; Motion Carried.

### 7.7 Training and Education Calendar

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Kelly Bourns & Jason Combe

**Deadline for action:** 2022

Will put dates in an email for execs. May 7<sup>th</sup> is gear swap – need to advertise! June 4<sup>th</sup> is National Range Day. Discuss all next month.

### 7.8 Clubhouse/Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Mark Miller & Paul Millan

**Deadline for action:** 2022

No discussion, issue to stay on agenda.

## 7.9 Executive/Volunteer Event ID & BRGFA Merch

**Presenter/Person Responsible:** Kelly Bourns

**Deadline for action:** 2022 event season

Safety vests are \$25/ea. Can put "Staff" on the back. Vista Print seems to be best for pens – \$80.63/100. T-shirts thru "blankshirts.ca" can be made for \$17.50/each.

Anika brought up other options for shirts/merch, will take on merch project and present at next meeting.

**MOTION  
22-006**

Jason motions to get (3) Large and (3) Xtra Large orange safety vests. Kelly will apply BRGFA logo and word "STAFF". Anika 2nds; None opposed; Motion carried.

## 8 EVENT REPORTS

**NONE**

## 9 BEARPIT (Open Discussion)

Bob Austman: The turkey release went south last year, but it would be nice to do something this year. Pollinators are important, event could be formed around that. Bob has been raising monarchs for 2-1/2 years, and has offered to do a workshop centered around collection and release. (Perhaps June 4<sup>th</sup>?)

## 10 ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Kelly Bourns motions to adjourn, Bob Austman 2nds. Adjourned 9:22

Next meeting March 2 – virtual. Jason will create meeting, Anika will send link. (AGM set for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

### ATTENDEES:

Jason Combe  
Dale Bourns  
Kelly Bourns  
Brent Steliga  
Anika Evans  
Randie Aran  
Ryan Keefe  
Bob Austman  
April Obriek

### REGRETS:

Mark Miller  
Paul Millan  
Mike Oneschuk